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4-7-03**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: KALUSH et al.

Art Unit: 1646

Serial No.: 09/768,185

Examiner: J. Murphy

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For: ESTROGEN RECEPTOR BETA VARIANTS
AND METHODS OF DETECTION THEREOF**Response to Office Action**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231*via facsimile*

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued by Examiner Murphy on December 3, 2002, Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Petition for One-Month Extension of Time is filed herewith. Please charge the fee for the Extension of Time to Deposit Account No. 50-0970.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 27 (as being directed to non-elected subject matter and partially redundant with claim 26).

Please amend claims 18-21, 26, and 32 as follows:

18. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising at least 20 contiguous nucleotides of SEQ ID NO:1, wherein the 20 contiguous nucleotides include position 89837 of SEQ ID NO:1, and wherein position 89837 of SEQ ID NO:1 is 'T' instead of 'C'.

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